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SUBJECT: PRESS CRITICISM OF USG

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1. I SAW CHIEF SECRETARY SABANAYAGAN LAST EVENING ABOUT THE
NAVA SAKTHI ARTICLES AND CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS. AFTER
CHECKING THE GUIDELINES AND ASSURING HIMSELF THAT THERE
WAS AN INJUNCTION AGAINST PUBLICATION OF MATERIAL LIKELY
TO AFFECT INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES,
SABANAYAGAN SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE CHIEF CENSOR (WHO IS A
GOI RATHER THAN GOTN EMPLOYEE) OF OUR REPRESENTATION AND OF
THE DETAILS OF THE NAVA SAKTHI ARTICLES. SABANAYAGAN
AGREED THAT THE ARTICLES APPEARED TO BE OFFENSIVE UNDER
THE CRITERIA OF THE GUIDELINES. HE VENTURED THE VIEW THAT
THE CHIEF CENSOR WOULD PROBABLY BE GUIDED BY "WHATEVER
THE PRACTICE IS WITH REGARD TO ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPERS
LIKE BLITZ."

2. WE WILL WATCH NAVA SAKTHI CAREFULLY TO SEE WHAT
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